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G.O. No. 3465

Dated 13-8-52

[Despatch Abstract.]

BROADCASTING - State - Radio Sets installed in Malabar and South Kanara Districts - Restriction regarding arresting to one Station Continuance of relaxation . Orders passed.

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COPY of Endorsement No. 1137 R/51-8 Dated 16-7-1952, from Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(General), Chepauk, Madras.

READ: Copy of the letter No.4659-R1/52-1 dated 2-7-1952 from the radio Engineer, 53, Peters Road, Madras 6. to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(buildings), Chepauk, Madras.5.

SUB: Broadcasting - State - Provision of High Power Transmitter at Kozhikode and Dharwar --

REF: P.W.D. Memorandum No.25642/F/52-1 dated 8th May, 1952.

The medium wave A.I.R. transmitter at Kozhikode is intended to serve particularly Malabar District and such of the region where regional language is Malayalam. But during the monsoon period the service area of Kozhikode station is very limited due to poor signal to noise ratio. The serviceable area during monsoon is less than 50 miles distance from the transmitter. Many of the sets in Malabar cannot be tuned to Kozhikode station all round the year.

The powers of the medium wave transmitter at Kozhikode and Dharwar are 1 kilowatt each. There is no shortwave transmitter at Dharwar. The power of the 3 nearby medium wave transmitters are:

Tiruvandrum	5 KW
Hyderabad	5 KW
Akashvani	1/2 KW

A quantitave survey of reception conditions of Trivandrum station in Malabar District was conducted and the reports indicated that the Trivandrum station cannot serve satisfactorily Malabar and South Kanara Districts.

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Madras Record Office.

COPY of Letter from Radio Engineer, 53, Peters Road, Madras-6, No.66 B dated 18-1-1952.

SUB: Broadcasting State - Sets in Firka Development centres - relaxation of arresting - report submitted.

REF: Chief Engineer's Memorandum No.1137 R/51-3- dated 9-11-51.

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with the present power of Kozhikode All India Radio transmitter it is found that the service area is limitted to about 25-40 miles radius round station. Similarly the reception condition of Trevancore, Dharwar and Mysore is not dependable to give programme value all round the year. So a major portion of the area covered by the 3 districts of South Kanara Malabar and Nilgiris has still to depend on the Madras short wave station for community radio listening.

2 In this connection, kind attention is invited to letter No.1121 F/51-6 dated 21-11-51 from the Doputy Secretary to Government of Madras to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, New Delhi communicated in Chief Engineer's Endorsement No.570 R/51-CR dated 8-12-51. The claims of Kozhikode can be pressed with the Government of India, Ministry of Information and broadcasting, New Delhi and early arrangments may be made to install a regular high power transmitter at Kozhikode in place of the present pilot station.

3. At present no facilities have been provided for educational programmes from Kozhikode station. Educational programmes for High Schools in English can be heard on the one of the short wave transmitter of Madras. In some of the areas in Nilgiris where Tamil is understood, educational programmes can be heard either tuning to one of the short wave stations in Madras or tuning to Tiruchirapalli.

4. To provide the majority of the centres with one of the All India Radio Stations that can give them reception of Programme value and to enable the schools to listen to such of the broadcasts that are suitable to the centre, it is essential that the concession shown in G.O.1171 PWD dated 29-3-49 may be allowed to continue till such time the following changes come into being.

(1) The power of the transmitters at Kozhikode and Dharwar should be increased to such an extent that they can cover the language regions in which they are situated.

(2) Educational programmes for schools should also be arranged to be broadcast on these transmitters in the regional languages if these districts are not to depend to any extent on other stations.

(3) The District of Nilgiris will have to continue to depend on short wave transmissions and also medium wave broadcasts depending upon the season and language required owing to the special nature of terrain and being bilingual.

(4) While the Government of India, Ministry of Information and Boradcasting may be addressed on the first two points above, the State Government may be requested to continue the relaxation till such time their recommendations are given effect to.

Government of Madras.

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Public Works Department.

G.O.Ms.No.3465 Dated 13-8-52.

READ AGAIN:

G.O.Ms.No.3985 PW dated 25-11-1947.
" 4308 PW " 4-11-1948.
" 1171 PW " 29-3-1949.

READ ALSO:

From the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(B) Endorsement No. 1137 R/51-6 dated 4-3-1952 and Endorsement No. 1137 R/51-8 dated 16-7-1952.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (B), the Government direct that the temporary relaxation of restriction regarding the arresting of sets in Malabar and South Kanara Districts ordered in G.O.s. read above, be continued till the installation of high power transmitters at Kozhikode and Dharwar.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department(B)
Copy to the Radio Engineer, 53, Peters Road, Madras-6, with respect to his letter 66 B dated 18-1-1952.
" " " Public Works (I & P) Department.
" " " Rural Welfare Department.
" " " Education Department.

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